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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 23 March 2005. A request for a three month extension of time to extend the time for response from 23 June 2005 to 23 September 2005 is being submitted herewith, along with the requisite fee. Please debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

As set forth more fully below, reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.